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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 5, 2003, applicant attaches herewith a copy of replacement paragraphs containing the amendments made to the specification in the amendment dated January 24, 2003.

Should the Office have any questions, the Office is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED PARAGRAPHS

Page 1, line 1, paragraph heading or title:

C1
TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Page 1 Line 9, paragraph heading or title:

C2
PRIOR ART

Page 3, paragraph 3, line 27:

C3
Japanese Patent Kokai JP-!-M6-136400 teaches a leather laminate in which a plastic film is laminated onto the surface of natural leather material. The plastic film may be made of vinyl leather or as a urethane sheet. The lamination of the plastic film makes the natural leather material more durable. The patent application discloses that the lamination is carried out by means of an adhesive or press bonding with heat. The patent application does not disclose the extent that the leather laminate is permeable to water vapour nor does it teach the details of the lamination process